

# “Trusting Solely in God’s Promise, Not Works”

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## **Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit**

**Big Idea-** The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit through God’s grace without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. Chronology is shown to be extremely important. Example: James vs Paul.

**Background Texts-** Genesis 15:1-6; 22:1-18; **James 2:17-26**; circumcision- 17:10-16

**Galatians 2:16** yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

**Galatians 3:6** just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

**Galatians 3:11** Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

**Romans 4:2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

## **LESSON 1-** The Biblical gospel is founded upon God’s PROMISES

- A. God’s original promises to Abraham were ratified UNILATERALLY (Genesis 15:1-20; Rom 4:1-25; Gal 3:15-16, 18- Fulfilled in Jesus!)
- B. God’s original promises to Abraham cannot be ANNULLED (Gal 3:17, 15; 5:4; Romans 4:9-12- Faith came before circumcision)

### ***Theological Application:***

1. *The gospel of faith is rooted in the Promises of God to Abraham and His spiritual descendants. God cannot lie (Titus 1:2) and therefore, YOU are in good hands (John 10:25-30) and not even a hair on your head is outside of God’s loving care and providence (Matthew 10:29-31)*
2. *What are some of the other promises of God? Memorize these! Hold them close! Internalize them! Trust them! Live them! Love them! Share them!*
3. *Isn’t it incredible that your salvation is founded upon God’s promises and not your performance at keeping a law that is unbending? Amen and Amen!!*
4. *Why then was the law given? Come next week to find out! 😊*

***Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples***